

Proposed Legislation
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed CIA Legislation

1. In the CIA legislation proposed for introduction in the next Congress is included a provision which would give additional accumulation of leave to employees of the Agency stationed overseas, in order to provide adequate accumulation for home leave purposes. This proposal is similar to the present leave provisions for members of the Foreign Service.

2. In discussions with the Bureau of the Budget, it was learned that the Bureau is coordinating legislation which would equalize the overseas leave provisions for all agencies of the Government. They believe their bill will accomplish our objectives. They therefore object to this Agency, or any other, seeking special legislation as a matter of policy. They hope to have their bill introduced in the middle of January, but admitted it may be delayed and may meet further delays in the Congress. The Bureau of the Budget officials concede that this Agency may have special problems, particularly in that it has the authority to order travel for home leave which the other agencies outside the Foreign Service do not have, but cannot provide the employees with enough leave to undertake the travel under the recent amendments to the leave laws.

3. It is recommended that we proceed with our proposed leave provisions, regardless of the policy objection expressed by Bureau of the Budget officials, on the grounds that --

- a. Congress may give priority to CIA legislation;
- b. CIA legislation should meet less objection than general legislation;
- c. CIA has a present urgent need and should not wait on general legislation for a solution;

d. The Bureau's omnibus bill may not only be delayed, but also may be modified by the Congress so that it will not meet CIA needs. In connection with this point, the Bureau of the Budget agreed that our proposal is consistent with their thoughts on leave for overseas personnel. If a satisfactory omnibus bill subsequently is passed, we can then be included in its terms and have our special legislation eliminated.

4. We are informed that Mr. Staats, the Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, is planning to discuss this, among other problems in our legislation, with you in the near future.

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